Destination Franklin
Franklin, PA
Always Eventful FESTIVALS & EVENTS **DINING & LODGING** SHOPPING **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT OUTDOOR RECREATION** Come celebrate with us! Discover the uncommon! Always a production! Hospitality awaits you! Nature's our backyard!

THE FRANKLIN SPIRIT **Alive Downtown!**

You won't find cookie-cutter stores in Franklin! And you can't visit this charming little town without making a few new friends...two of the many benefits that make the historic town of Franklin, PA, the county seat of Venango County in the Oil Heritage region, a delightful destination for day-tripping shoppers or weekend travelers.

Franklin offers a vibrant blend of the old and new along Liberty Street, a beautifully



restored corridor and the heart of downtown—listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The thoughtful design of Franklin's business and residential district provides picture-postcard appeal,

while showcasing one-of-a-kind boutiques within distinctive 1800's architecture. Expansive manicured parks host year-round special events, the civic theatre offers non-stop quality productions, and downtown houses a museum of antique calliopes. Eateries feature a wide selection from pan-seared oysters to your favorite family fare. For the curious traveler or the serious sightseer, quaint and well-appointed Bed & Breakfasts are just a minute's walk to it all.

Embraced by rolling hills and the scenic Allegheny River, Franklin is earning its reputation as a warm, friendly town with big-city vision.

Discover FRANKLIN, PA! www.franklinpa.gov

SHOPPING

From rare books and custom framing to exquisite jewelry and urban chic fashions—a shopping excursion

Franklin is sure to unearth lots of delightful surprises! Discover coffees at an internet

Shopping should be an experience... and fun. If it's different, daily-roasted gourmet we'll try to carry it.

N. Volmrich, Boutique owner



café, imported yarns in a busy knitting studio, unique children's gifts, and hardto-find antique collectibles. Friendly storekeepers will greet and treat you the way you remember the 'old days'... and don't be surprised if an occasional door stays open a little past closing if you're still browsing.

DINING & LODGING

As you explore Franklin, you'll find friendly service wherever you choose to dine or sleep.

Be our guest for a peaceful getaway at an elegant Bed & Breakfast—filled with Victorian charm and modern amenities. These handsomely restored homes are a short walk to shopping, dining, and enter-

tainment. Take a bike ride on a river trail and be back in time for tea!

Other lodging accommodations include an attractively-appointed downtown hotel-equipped for

> large groups—family motels in the area, and a County Park for overnight camping.

You won't leave hungry... there's great family dining, healthy gourmet fare with al fresco seating, and a lively

tavern with the best chicken wings in town!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Culture abounds downtown...whether it's a large-scale musical or youth theatre production at the state-ofthe-art Barrow-Civic Theatre, an intimate coffee house reading, outdoor art fairs, a dance extravaganza, or a concert of national talent.

Bandstand Park is packed when the much-loved Franklin Silver Cornet Band plays on Thursday nights. Founded in 1856, it's one of the oldest volunteer



We have a couple

bands in the country. A true small-town experience! And vou can

always catch a tune at DeBence Antique Music World—a unique, whimsical museum of over 100 antique mechanical instruments, many

the band right now.

of three-generation

families playing in

P. Green, Band member

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Special events are Franklin's signaand other fun. cultural activities

from the tri-state area, Applefest® is the region's largest most anticipated annual festival. For three days, begin-

ning the first Friday in October,



The area's loaded Locals will tell you that nothing compares to the magic of Lightwith outdoor *Up Night*, heralding the holiday recreational posseason with spectacular fireworks sibilities, but the —or the splendor of *Franklin On* town alone is Ice, with fanciful ice sculptures disworth the trip. played throughout Fountain Park.

When the town's in bloom,

area's restaurants, delis, and caterers. The festival also

natural resources, while hosting the PA Stone Skipping

offers live music, antiques, and kids' activities. At the

Rock In River Festival, Franklin celebrates the area's

Championship. Oh, and you can't miss our weeklong

4th of July celebration! FRANKLIN TRULY IS A SMALL

Franklin treasures its rich historic and architectural

heritage! Many who prospered from the area's great

extraordinary wealth of architectural styles—ranging

from Italianate, Colonial, Classical, and Queen Anne to

English Cottage, Greek and Gothic Revival. In Franklin

western PA from 1830 to 1930...one reason it's often

you'll find every major architectural style used in

TOWN WITH GREAT FESTIVALS!

ARCHITECTURE

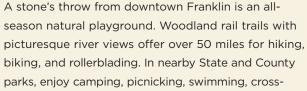
called the Victorian City.

Slip into St. John's

J. McNutt, Visitor



OUTDOOR RECREATION



country skiing, horseback riding and small game hunting.

Abundant wildlife still makes its home here. The Allegheny River and pristine, bio-diverse French Creek-with trout, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, catfish, and walleye—are an angler's paradise. Bring or rent a boat, kayak, or

canoe and you're likely to spot a bald eagle, blue heron, river otter, or white-tailed deer.

Franklin's rolling hills also provide a fine selection of public golf courses.

GETTING YOU HERE..

NORTH-From Erie, PA: Interstate 79 South to Route 322 East (Meadville Exit). Follow Route 322 East into downtown Franklin.

WEST-From Youngstown, OH: Interstate 80 East to Barkeyville, Franklin-Oil City Area exit. Route 8 North to downtown Franklin.

SOUTH - From Pittsburgh, PA: Interstate 279 North to 1-79, North to I-80 East to the Barkeyville, Franklin-Oil City Area exit. Route 8 North to downtown Franklin.

EAST: I-80 West to Barkevville, Franklin-Oil City Area exit, Route 8 North to downtown Franklin.

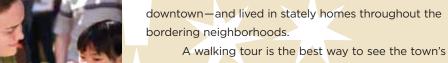




ARCHITECTURE

For history lovers!





ture! Catch the energy of this small town as it stages large-scale festivals throughout the entire year

Drawing up to 100,000 visitors

downtown hums with excitement as hundreds of vendors sell everything from apple dumplings to arts and crafts. And the antique car show is legendary!

